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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

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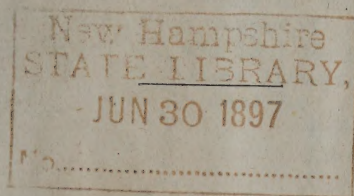
THE TOWN OF BOW,

TOGETHER WITH THE REPORT OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

FOR

THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1870.



CONCORD:  
THE PEOPLE STEAM PRINTING ESTABLISHMENT.  
1870.



## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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The amount of taxes assessed in the town of Bow, for the year  
1869, is \$7.764 17

### RECEIPTS.

March 16,	1869. Received of James Mills,	\$69 10
May 12,	Louisa G. Flanders on note	400 00
12,	Mendell Sampson, on note	100 00
12,	Willeby Colby, jr., on note	150 00
12,	B. F. Davis, on note	100 00
June 10,	John H. Knott, on note	261 00
10,	Rachael J. Knott, on note	239 00
	First National Bank, tax in	
	1868	37 42
	Andrew Noyes, for stone	5 00
	H. H. Parker, for Buntin	
	place	16 00
	County of Merrimack, for	
	support of paupers	40 01
June 10,	Charles C. Morgan, on note	150 00
	State Treasurer, Savings	
	Bank tax	648 77
	Railroad tax	497 63
	Literary Fund	33 80
	U. S. Bounty	216 00
June 14,	Mesach Cate, Collector for	
	1868	426 00
Oct. 5.	L. A. Colby, on note	400 00
Dec. 11.	James S. Norris, on note	1000 00
Feb. 28.	John H. Knott, on note	367 00
	Andrew Gault,	52 00



Feb. 28, 1869. Received of Aaron Colby, 2d, Collector for 1869	7,675 02
	<hr/> \$12,873 75

## EXPENDITURES.

Paid Enoch Alexander, balance due on settlement	63 93
C. C. Pearson, for printing reports for 1868	20 00
Eastman, Page & Albin, professional services in 1868	5 00
W. G. & J. G. Andrews, for cloth for John Bun- tin, pants	2 05
John B. Green, for abatement of Alvah Hurd's tax for 1867	6 46
County of Merrimack, County tax for 1869	763 56
State tax for 1869	1776 00
Byron W. Clough, provisions and medicine for Hannah Colby	5 50
George H. Elliott, for repairs on hearse	19 12
Horace Gage, professional services	5 75
John C. Davis, for land taken for highway in Dist. No. 4	31 50
John C. Hammond, services as Town Clerk	18 00
B. W. Sanborn, for books and stationery	19 14
H. E. Perkins, for preparing papers for guardian for Perrin boy	3 00
J. Brown & Co., for coffin and robe for—Quimby	15 00
J. H. Chase, for stove and pipe for town house	18 00
Town Clerks of Dunbarton and Goffstown, for ex- amining records	2 00
Staniels & Dickerman, groceries for Dudley Colby	3 42
Eastman, Page & Albin, Professional services in 1869	5 00
J. W. Goodhue, provisions and wood furnished William Webber	19 06
Henry L. Burnham, surveying highway in Dist. No. 13	1 50
Stephen W. Evans, for digging grave for Quimby	1 00
Dudley Colby,	2 00
Concord Railroad, for car fare to Nashua, in Per- rin boy case	2 20
Timothy Haines, medical attendance for Hannah Colby and William Webber	22 00

Paid S. L. F. Simpson, for return of resistration of births and deaths	4 25
Enoch Alexander, services as Town Treasurer	10 00
Lewis Page, for abatement of tax	5 17
James Thompson, for wood for D. Colby for support of schools	2 25
for labor, lumber, and stone, in No. 12	777 58
non-residents, highway tax receipts	933 28
for labor in No. 2	93 69
for labor in No. 5	75 05
for labor in No. 6	17 00
for labor in No. 13	6 00
for labor in No. 14	62 86
Samuel Hadley, for board and clothing of John Buntin, from April 1, 1869 to April 1, 1870	255 50
H. H. Parker, for board and clothing of T. L. Morgan, from April 1. 1869 to April 1, 1870	175 33
Notes and interest	175 75
Aaron Colby, 2d, abatement of tax, 1869	6970 94
Francis W. Colby, services S. S. Committee	29 68
Aaron Colby, 2d, for collecting taxes, 1869	34 00
B. A. Noyes, for land in Dist. No. 12	70 00
J. W. Goodhue, services as selectman	30 00
F. W. Colby, services as selectman	94 00
Asa Morgan, services as selectman	42 50
Auditors,	3 00
Amount in hands of Treasurer, -	64 80
	110 93
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	\$12,873 65

### OUTSTANDING NOTES AGAINST THE TOWN.

Date of notes		Principal.	Am't due
Jan'y 6, 1863.	Lucia G. Clement	\$200 00	\$303 00
7,	Enoch Alexander	400 00	424 00
April 19, 1864.	Timothy Hammond	800 00	848 00
July 22,	Benjamin A. Noyes	1000 00	1385 60
	Sarah S. Haselton	100 00	138 54
	Nancy C. Benson	250 00	345 92
August 8,	James O. Clark	300 00	415 10
16,	Isaac E. Dow	200 00	275 97
Sept. 2,	Matilda Stewart	200 00	275 30
Feb'y 20, 1865.	Samuel E. Austin	135 00	180 78
March 20,	Orin Clough	315 00	419 94
April 11,	Betsey Tenney	1000 00	1328 34



August	3,	Willeby Colby, Jr.,	100 00	130 05
Nov.	20,	Moses B. Abbott	900 00	1154 01
Dec.	15,	Richard Rowe	128 00	163 44
May	15, 1866.	Amos H. Messer	100 00	124 76
June	15,	Lucy Moulton	400 00	496 65
July	11,	John H. Knott	467 00	577 38
	16,	Isaac E. Dow	600 00	737 95
August	20,	Willeby Colby, Jr.,	100 00	122 83
March	23, 1867.	Willeby Colby, Jr.,	200 00	237 33
May	21,	Willeby Colby, Jr.,	100 00	117 52
June	15,	John H. Knott	223 00	261 32
		Rachael J. Knott	332 50	389 31
April	1, 1868.	Joseph H. Moore	200 00	223 66
July	8,	Willeby Colby, Jr.,	100 00	110 09
Nov.	5,	Eli Alexander	300 00	324 10
	7,	Mary Sweatt	709 24	766 07
Jan'y	22, 1869.	John Jefferson	250 00	266 67
May	12,	Mendell Sampson	100 00	104 82
		Benjamin F. Davis	100 00	49 49
June	10,	John H. Knott,	261 00	272 35
		Rachel J. Knott,	239 00	249 40
		Charles C. Morgan	150 00	156 53
Oct.	5,	L. A. Colby	400 00	409 73
Dec.	11,	James S. Norris	1000 00	1013 17
Feb'y	28, 1870.	John H. Knott	367 00	367 00
				<hr/> \$15,166 12

## DEBTS DUE THE TOWN.

Due from the United State for bounties	1226 00
James Mills	38 18
Meshach Cate, collector of taxes for 1868	52 53
Meshach Cate, interest on taxes	15 00
Aaron Colby, 2d, collector for 1869	89 15
Aaron Colby, 2d, interest on taxes	13 70
Enoch Alexander, town treasurer	110 93
	<hr/> \$1545 49.
Amount of liabilities	\$15,166 12
Amount due the town	1,545 49
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Balance against the town	\$13,620 63
JOHN W. GOODHUE,	} Selectmen of Bow.
FRANCIS W. COLBY,	
ASA MORGAN,	

The undersigned, auditors of the selectmen's accounts for the year ending March 1, 1870, certify that we have examined said accounts and find them correctly cast and well vouched.

W. C. ALEXANDER, }  
GILMAN SALTMARSH, } Auditors.

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT

*Fellow Citizens* :—In presenting the annual report, we propose first to speak of each school briefly, and then offer some thoughts or suggestions of a more general nature.

### DISTRICT NO. 1.

Summer Term of 7 1-2 weeks taught by Miss Abbie H. Barnard, of Dunbarton. This was a good school and well managed; we think good progress was made. Whole number scholars, 9; average attendance, 7.

Winter School under the care of Miss Hannah W. Heath, of this town, is still in session; not having the register at hand cannot report statistics. Miss Heath is a teacher of good reputation. The school appeared well at the first of the term, and we could see no good reason why good results should not be reached.

### DISTRICT NO. 2.

Summer Term of 6 weeks taught by Miss Laura A. Clough, of this town. The teacher's previous well-earned reputation was fully sustained, and the results all that could reasonably have been expected in so short a time. Whole number scholars, 14; average attendance, 11.

Winter Term of 6 1-2 weeks taught by Mr. John C. Hammond, of this town. The remarks made in regard to the Summer school would apply equally well to this. Whole number scholars, 17; average attendance, 13.

### DISTRICT NO. 3.

Summer Term of 7 weeks taught by Miss S. F. Holmes, of this town. Miss Holmes, as is well-known, is a teacher of ability and success. The school appeared very well indeed when we saw it. Not receiving notice of the close till the day after, cannot, of



course, report as definitely as we would be glad to. Whole number scholars, 9 ; average attendance, 7.

Winter Term of 5 weeks, commenced by Miss M. E. Holmes, of this town, but after keeping some three or four weeks, the teacher being called to fulfil a previous engagement at Warner sooner than was expected, she felt obliged to relinquish the school to the care of her sister, Miss S. F. Holmes, who completed the term. From remarks made by the teachers in the register, we should think the term, though short, both interesting and profitable. Whole number scholars, 11 ; average attendance, 8.

#### DISTRICT NO. 4.

Both terms taught by Miss Julia A. Gault, of this town. This was Miss Gault's first attempt at teaching. Of this school the teacher remarks that "she entered the school-room with the determination to do her best, and also thinks her labors were not in vain." She speaks of the scholars as respectful and obedient, and interested in their studies. We think there was evidence of the teacher's earnest endeavor to do right, and the exercises at the close of the Winter school would tend to confirm to some extent what she says in regard to the scholars. Number weeks in Summer, 8 ; number scholars, 11 ; average, 9. Number weeks in Winter, 10 ; number scholars, 9 ; average, 8.

#### DISTRICT NO. 5.

No school during the year.

#### DISTRICT NO. 6.

One term of 11 weeks taught by Miss Annie W. Goodhue, of this town. The scholars in this district and No. 10 united and attended the schools in both districts, consequently are to be reported as substantially the same school. For particulars refer to the report of No. 10. Whole number scholars, 23 ; average, 13.

#### DISTRICT NO. 7.

Both terms taught by Miss Hattie A. Simonds, of Dunbarton. We believe this was Miss Simonds' first effort at teaching a district school, though she had had some experience in teaching in private families. In this school we think the teacher labored

earnestly and faithfully, and with good results. Number of weeks in Summer, 10; number of scholars, 9; average, 8.

Winter about the same.

#### DISTRICT NO. 8.

Summer term of 10 weeks taught by Miss A. A. Locke, of East Concord. Miss Locke is a teacher of experience and ability, and the results obtained this term were highly creditable to both teacher and pupil. Whole number of scholars, 17; average, 12.

Winter term of 16 weeks taught by Miss Belle A. Austin, of Hooksett. This was emphatically a good school; the method of teaching thorough and systematic: the deportment of the scholars creditable and worthy of imitation. Some of the recitations at the closing examination, especially in Guyot's Geography, including map-drawing upon the black-board, and also those of the advanced classes in Arithmetic were worthy of special commendation. Average attendance of scholars during the term, 11

#### DISTRICT NO. 9.

One term of 14 weeks, taught by Miss Lizzie M. Duncklee, of this town. This school appeared well when we saw it, and judging from the remarks made by the teacher in her register, should think the term a pleasant and profitable one. Not receiving notice of the close in season to attend, cannot report farther. Whole number of different scholars, 11; average, 8.

#### DISTRICT NO. 10.

Both terms taught by Miss Annie W. Goodhue, of this town. The Summer Term was the first ever taught by Miss Goodhue. We think she labored hard to promote the welfare of her pupils, and it is evident that her efforts were seconded by the parents, and as a consequence, a pleasant, and we trust to a good degree, profitable school was the result.

Toward to the close of the Winter School the interest did not seem to be quite as fully sustained. This, however, may have been owing to the length of time the scholars had been attending school with little or no vacation—some 23 weeks in both districts, we think. Summer school 6 weeks; number of scholars, 17; av-

erage, 10. Winter school, 10 weeks ; number of scholars, 17 ; average, 12.

#### DISTRICT No. 11.

Summer Term of 8 1-2 weeks taught by Miss Luthera J. Wheeler, of this town. Winter Term of 11 weeks, by Miss Georgia F. Austin, of Hooksett. Both excellent teachers, too well known to require extended comment here. The people of this district have reason to congratulate themselves on the success of their school the past year, and also the present standing of the same. Average attendance in Summer, 15 ; number of scholars in Winter, 23 ; average, 19, nearly.

#### DISTRICT NO. 12.

One term of 7 weeks, taught by Miss Luthera J. Wheeler. This was a good school, and the scholars are deserving of credit for the manner in which they responded to the requirements and efforts of their teacher ; and we can truly say the present rank and position of the school is worthy of special notice, when we consider the very limited advantages enjoyed by the scholars of this district at the present time. Average attendance during the term, 14.

#### DISTRICT NO. 13.

Both Terms taught by Miss Lestenah H. Stone, of Dunbarton. This school, though small in numbers, appeared well. The fact that the same teacher has been employed another year, speaks well for the district, and in this case does credit to their wisdom, and gives evidence of an interest in the continued success and prosperity of the school. Number of weeks in Summer, 7 ; number of scholars, 10 ; average, 8. Number of weeks in Winter, 8 ; number of scholars, 8 ; average, 6.

#### DISTRICT NO. 14.

Summer Term of 5 weeks taught by Miss Sarah F. Sanborn, of Concord. Of this School we know but little. Miss Sanborn is said to be a teacher of considerable experience ; not having notice of the close of the term, cannot report particularly in regard to the progress made. Number of scholars, 14 ; average, 12.

Winter Term, 4 1-2 weeks, taught by Miss Luthera J. Wheeler.



This school appeared well when we saw it; not being present at the close of the term on account of the roads being badly drifted with snow, cannot speak definitely in regard to progress made, but have reason to think it as good as could reasonably have been expected in so short a time. Whole number of scholars, 16; average attendance, 14.

As a whole, we think the schools would compare favorably with those of previous years; still there is room for improvement in more than one direction. Although some effort has been made to secure uniformity of text books, there are altogether too many kinds in use now. There have been no new books introduced the past year; Guyot's Geographies which were partially introduced last year, are in nearly all the schools in town at the present time, and where properly taught and learned, have demonstrated unmistakably the superior excellence of that work.

New school readers are greatly needed, and we hope another season will witness a change in this respect; several of the districts need new school-houses, but before building we would suggest the inquiry whether it would not be better to see if some change cannot be made in existing districts to reduce the number, and consequently render a less number of school buildings necessary.

As things now are, do we receive the benefit we ought from our school money? It seems to us that there are too many schools for the number of scholars. We hope a candid and careful consideration of the subject in all its bearings will suggest the proper remedy.

The whole number of different teachers employed during the year, 16; of these, fifteen were females. Number of teachers residing in town, 9; non-resident, 7. Number of visitors in the schools during the year as given in the school registers, 280. Number of visits by Superintending Committee, 33.

The studies pursued, about the same as usual—reading, writing, spelling, arithmetic, English grammar, geography, &c., and occasionally algebra and rhetoric.

For a statement in detail of the number of scholars attending the various studies, and an answer to various miscellaneous questions as required by the present laws, you are referred to the statistical table in full, prepared upon blanks furnished by the State

for the purpose, a copy of which is to be lodged with the Town Clerk for future reference, and which would not be convenient to anybody in a report like this.

In conclusion, we would remark, as one writer has said, "although our common school system is one of the noblest institutions of the State, it is not self-working. It requires the united, earnest, cordial support of all our citizens. Every man, whatever his station, should feel that there is a moral obligation resting upon him to do all he can by word and deed to promote the cause of popular education.

Freedom and ignorance are mortal enemies; the one living, the other dies; an ignorant people can never be free; an educated people can never be enslaved. Hence, it is our duty as well as interest to labor to build up our common schools and make them what they should be, and thereby secure good to ourselves and happiness to our posterity."

F. W. COLBY, *S. S. Committee.*

Bow, March 1, 1870.

The first part of the paper is devoted to a general  
 discussion of the problem of the origin of life.  
 It is shown that the problem is not a purely  
 scientific one, but one which involves  
 philosophical and theological considerations.  
 The author then proceeds to a detailed  
 examination of the various theories which  
 have been advanced to explain the origin of life.  
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